

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants take note that the Fourth Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection has been entered by the Examiner.

With respect to Item 1, subparagraphs g) and h) of the Examiner's Advisory Action of March 15, 2004, Applicants have amended the specification at page 5, lines 15-16. These amendments are deemed to overcome the §112, first paragraph rejection and, accordingly, they should be withdrawn.

With respect to Item 7 of the Advisory Action of March 15, 2004, subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d), amendments to the specification have been made as indicated, and it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the disclosure has been overcome and, accordingly, should be withdrawn.

With respect to the Examiner's rejection of claim 34 under §112, first paragraph, as set forth in Item 8 of the March 15, 2004 Advisory Action, it is respectfully submitted that it has been overcome by virtue of the amendment made to claim 34. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully solicited.

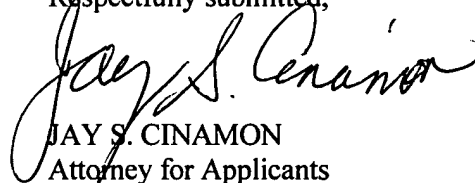
With respect to the §112, second paragraph, rejection set forth in Item 9 of the Advisory Action of March 15, 2004 in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to claims 21, 25, 28, 29, and 34 serve to overcome this rejection and, accordingly, its withdrawal is respectfully solicited.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the rejections and objections to the claims now pending have been overcome and, accordingly, withdrawal is respectfully solicited.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,


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